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AOCRA IVF World Sprint 2024 FAQ's "Highway to Hilo"

| Item # | FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) | Response |
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| | NATIONAL SPRINTS | |
| 1. | What canoe will be used at 2023 National Sprints? | Plan to use the V6 Matahina canoe and Zulu V1 |
| 2. | Can I paddle for another Club at the 2023 National Sprints? | Yes, if a club transfer is completed by Tuesday 24 October . A current and financial AO and Club member can paddle under another club for V6 racing and will be required to complete a transfer into the nominating Club by Tuesday October 24, 2023. |
| 3. | How will nominations for V12 racing be handled at the 2023 National Sprints? | A club may register a V12 with team members all registered with their club or, Clubs may combine to form V12 teams. The transfer rule will not apply for V12 team combinations. The entry must be from one club only and in the notes reference the club they are combining with. |
| 4. | What is the deadline for a paddler transferring into another club for racing at National Sprints 2023? | Tuesday 24 October 2023. |
| 5. | Can I paddle for 2 age division in V1 at National Sprints | No, unless you have completed an Elite Competition Paddler Intent Form. See FAQs under Qualifying for more information. |
| 6, | As a club can we register the same team to paddle in 2 divisions. E.g., A Master team to do both Master and Open 500m | No, unless you have completed a Club Competition Intent Form. See FAQs under Qualifying for more information. |
| | WST QUALIFYING ELITE | |
| 1. | What is the Age Eligibility for qualifying for Elite competition. | The HP Selection Policy for the Elite V1 & V6 Competition will be released |



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| | | shortly. Refer to the HP Selection Policy. |
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| 2. | How do I qualify for Elite Competition. | You will need to complete an Elite Competition Paddler Intent Form and then follow the HP Selection Policy. |
| 3. | Can I qualify in 2 age division in V1 for WST Sprints? | No |
| 4. | As of the 1 st of January 2024, my racing division changes. I am no longer a Master 40 paddler I will be Master 50; I want to qualify for V1 in Master 50. How can I do this? | At our National Titles you need to compete for awards in your true age division. If you complete an Elite Competition Paddler Intent Form indicating your preferred age division, you can seek an exemption to paddle V1 at the National Tilles in the Master 50 division. This will be for times only not for medals or official placings. You will need to register for 2 V1 races in your true age division and in the notes indicate what age group you wish to qualify to represent Australia at WST in Hilo. |
| | WST QUALIFYING CLUB | |
| 1. | What is the Age Eligibility for qualifying for Club competition. | All athletes in club competition will follow the AO Rules criteria allowing all members to paddle in their age category or below based on the actual age as of 31 December 2023. |
| | | Age Categories to be included in the World Sprints – Club Competition |
| 2. | How do clubs qualify for 2024 IVF Club V6 competition | Clubs will be required to complete a Club Competition intent Form, to nominate their intended qualifying teams. Australia will have a quota of 6 lanes per age division per gender at the |



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| | | 2024 Hilo Club Championships for V6 events. Clubs can secure one or more of the 6 lanes by entering in the relevant divisions and finishing 1st to 3rd or next best 3 times. Once a club has secured a lane, it is the decision of the club/ coaches which padders fill the seats. |
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| 3. | As of the 1 st of January 2024, my racing division changes. I am no longer a Master 40 paddler I will be Master 50; I want to compete with my club in a Master 50 team at National Sprints. Is this possible? | No, at National Sprints you will need to follow the AO Rules criteria allowing all members to paddle in their age category or below. Your club will need to secure one of the 6 lanes for Master 50 at the National Titles Qualifying Event. This is then their spot and club coaches can choose which paddlers fill the team for the 2024 IVF Club Championships. |
| 4. | How do clubs qualify for 2024 IVF Club V12 competition | Clubs will be required to complete a Club Competition intent Form, to nominate their intended qualifying teams. Australia will have a quota of 3 lanes per age division per gender at the 2024 Hilo Club Championships for V12 events. Clubs can secure one or more of the 3 lanes by entering in the relevant divisions and finishing 1 st to 3 rd Once a club has secured a lane, it is the decision of the club/ coaches which padders fill the seats. Clubs who have completed a Club Competition Intent Form may combine to form V12 teams. The team must be registered under the name of 1 club only. |